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1. WHILE SPAIN IS PUSHING PUBLICLY FOR INTEGRATION INTO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, THE GOS CONTINUES TO SEE BENEFITS (OR LESS DISCRIMINATION) AS A GOOD REASON TO DIALOGUE WITH EFTA. LATE LAST MONTH EFTA SECRETARY GENRAL CHARLES MUELLER MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SPAIN, AND HEARD SPANISH REQUESTS FOR A MUTUAL REDUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL TARIFF BARRIERS. IN THE NEAR FUTURE A SPANISH TEAM WILL VISIT GENEVA TO CONTINUE THESE DISCUSSIONS.

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2. SPAIN WOULD LIKE MUTUAL REDUCTION OF TARIFF BARRIERS, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE UP TO THE LEVEL OF REDUCTIONS ALREADY AGREED UPON BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE EEC UNDER THE GOS EEC, PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENT OF 1970. SPANISH OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD IMPROVE COMMERCIAL ACCESS IN THE REMAINING EFTA COUNTRIES,

AND PARTICULARLY IN PORTUGAL WHICH HAS TRADE ADVANTAGES
THROUGH ITS MEMBERSHIP IN EFTA BUT HAS NOT BEEN REQUIRED
TO ADJUST ITS TARIFFS RAPIDLY TO MEET EFTA OBLIGATIONS.
THERE HAS ALSO BEEN TALK HERE ABOUT THE NEED TO
REMOVE BARRIERS TO SPANISH PORTUGUESE TRADE, AND
THE PORTUGUESE EFTA, CONNECTION IS SEEN AS IMPORTANT
AMONG SUCH BARRIERS.

3. THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IS PURSUING THESE NEGOTIATIONS
FAIRLY ENERGETICALLY, BUT A RESPONSIBLE MFA OFFICIAL
SAID PLAINLY THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THEY WOULD BEAR
FRUIT. AT ANY RATE, UNLIKE THE SPANISH EEC NEGOTIATIONS,
THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS NOT TRIED TO PUBLICIZE THE TALKS.
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